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**Applicant(s):** Pasi Kakkonen **Filed:** 23 September 2005

Title: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT

FOR CALENDERING A WEB

Art Unit: 3725

Examiner: Jimmy T. Nguyen Docket No.: DB001177-000

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 8, 2006, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group II comprising Fig. 2 and species claims 2 and 10, and any subsequently added claims which are readable thereon. The Examiner required restriction between Groups I, II, III and IV comprising Figs. 1-4, respectively, in the event that no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the Examiner's conclusion that, if no generic claim is allowed, the species do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. The application contains four separate figures that demonstrate four separate alternative paths for a web to travel through the calendar arrangement. While the path to be taken depends on a number of factors such as wear on the calender rolls or quantity of recycled content in the base paper, altering the path of the web between stacks in appropriate circumstances is a special technical feature shown in each of Figs. 2, 3, and 4.

In any event, the benefit of any doubt on the issue of lack of unity of invention should be given to the applicant. MPEP § 1850. Moreover, even if the claims were to be to independent and

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distinct inventions, the search and examination of all fourteen (14) claims in the application can certainly be made without serious burden on the Examiner. MPEP § 803. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the provisional Restriction Requirement.

If no generic claims are finally held to be allowable, Applicant reserves the right to file, during the pendency of the present application, one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected and/or canceled claims.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be beneficial to advance prosecution of the application to early issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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